

Town of Canton
Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 14, 2022
In Person & Video Conference
Minutes

PRESENT:

Mary Ann Ashley	----	Supervisor
Jim Smith	----	Council Member
John Taillon	----	Council Member
Bob Santamoor	----	Council Member

Also Present: Town Clerk Heidi L. Smith, Deputy Town Clerk Leanna Moquin (zoom), Assessor Cindy Brand, Code Enforcement Officer Michael McQuade, Attorney Eric Gustafson (zoom), Angela Gray, Gray & Gray, Attorney Bill Buchan (zoom)

Absent: Council Member Bob Washo, Historian Linda Casserly, Highway Superintendent Steven Smith, Recreation Director Meghan Richardson, Economic Developer Leigh Rodriguez

Public Attendance: Toby Irven, Cathy Shrady – Canton Sustainability Committee, Blake & Tzintzun (zoom), Mari Margil, CDER (zoom), Tony Yonnone (zoom), Ryan Martin (zoom), Steven White (zoom), North Country This Week Paul Mitchell, Watertown Daily Times Tom Graser

A. Call Meeting to Order

Supervisor Ashley called the regular board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Ashley moved the Rights on the River Presentation before public comment.

B. Public Comment

None

C. Rights on the River Presentation

Cathy Shrady gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Rights of the River. Cathy explained the Rights of the River is part of a larger movement called Right of Nature. The Rights of Nature recognizes that natural entities like rivers and ecosystem possess basic rights to exist and drive the right to restoration.

Cathy is asking that both the Town and Village pass a resolution.

Attorney Gustafson asked that their legal counsel reach out to him to discuss the resolution that was presented to the Town.

Mari Margil, CDER will set up a meeting with Eric sometime in January.

Attorney Eric Gustafson thinks getting the recommendation from the Planning Board would be appropriate.

5. Rescind Tax Cap Override Law

A motion was by Council Member Jim Smith and seconded by Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley to rescind the tax cap override law.

All in favor. Motion carried.

6. Reconciliation of B Account 2021 NYSLRS Payment

Supervisor Ashley reported there was an error in December 2021 in the "B" account. A specific line item was charged to the "B" account when it should have been divided between three accounts.

A motion was made by Council Member Bob Santamoor and seconded by Council Member Jim Smith to transfer \$32,548 from the "A" account to the "B" account, transfer \$3,833 from the "DA" account to the "B" account and transfer \$29,933 from the "DB" account to the "B" account.

Aye – Bob Santamoor, Jim Smith, Mary Ann Ashley.

Abstain – John Taillon.

Motion carried.

See attached resolution.

7. MJ Engineering Comprehensive Plan Oversight Committee Assistance Proposal

Supervisor Ashley reported that after speaking with Rensselaer Falls, they are not interested in being part of this proposal. Supervisor Ashley reported this will be put on the joint meeting agenda for discussion.

8. Set Year End Meeting for purposes of paying bills

The year end meeting is set for December 29th at 10:00 a.m.

9. Roemer, Wallens, Gold & Mineaux LLP 2023 Agreement

A motion was made by Council Member John Taillon and seconded by Bob Santamoor to approve Roemer, Wallens, Gold & Mineaux LLP 2023 Agreement.

All in favor. Motion carried.

10. Gray & Gray CPA 2023 Agreement

A motion was made by Council Member John Taillon and seconded by Bob Santamoor to approve Gray & Gray CPA 2023 Agreements.

All in favor. Motion carried.

11. Pease & Gustafson LLP 2023 Agreement

A motion was made by Council Member John Taillon and seconded by Bob

Santamoor to approve Pease & Gustafson LLP 2023 Agreement.
All in favor. Motion carried.

12. Buchan & Sutter LLP 2023 Agreement

A motion was made by Council Member John Taillon and seconded by Bob Santamoor to approve Buchan & Sutter LLP 2023 Agreement.
All in favor. Motion carried.

13. Duncan, Weinberg, Genzer & Pembroke, PC Agreement

A motion was made by Council Member John Taillon and seconded by Bob Santamoor to approve Duncan, Weinberg, Genzer & Pembroke, PC Agreement.
All in favor. Motion carried.

14. Town of Russell Highway 2023 Agreement

A motion was made by Council Member Bob Santamoor and seconded by Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley to approve Town of Russell Highway 2023 Agreement.
All in favor. Motion carried.

15. Lease/services agreement for Dog Pound/Shelter Services – Dan Moyer

A motion was made by Council Member John Taillon and seconded by Council Member Bob Santamoor to approve lease/services agreement for Dog Pound/Shelter Services with Dan Moyer.
All in favor. Motion carried.

16. 2023 Dog Control Agreement

Council Member John Taillon he would like to table this decision until the year end meeting to allow the board to explore other options for this position.

A motion was made by Council Member John Taillon and seconded by Council Member Bob Santamoor to table this item.
All in favor. Motion carried.

M. Public Comment

Toby Irven stated he has concern about dog control and cyclists. Toby asked if the board has reviewed the physical premises of the dog retention area as well as the ability of the dog control officer to respond.

Council Member Jim Smith responded no. We rely on Ag & Markets. Dog Control falls under Ag & Markets. They are inspected by Ag & Markets, and if there are discrepancies Ag & Markets informs the board of these conditions.

Executive Session: Upon a majority vote upon a motion that identifies the subject to be considered, the Council may conduct an executive session to discuss any of the issues identified

as proper by Public Officers Law 105(1)

A motion was made by Council Member Bob Santamoor and seconded by Council Member Jim Smith to go into executive session for the purpose of [F] matters pertaining to employment history of a particular person and [D] discussion regarding pending litigations.

All in favor. Motion carried.

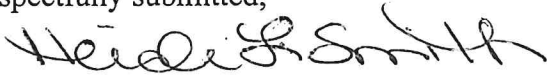
A motion was made by Council Member Bob Santamoor and seconded by Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley to adjourn executive session at 7:57 p.m.

All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Mary Ann Ashley and seconded by Council Member Bob Santamoor to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:01 p.m.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Heidi L. Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Heidi" being more prominent than the last name "Smith".

Heidi L. Smith, Town Clerk

RESOLUTION NO 24
DATED: December 14, 2022
TOWN OF CANTON

Authorize CSEA Contractual Agreement Payments Retroactive January 1, 2022

WHEREAS, the Town of Canton and CSEA Local 1000 AFSCME Unit #8422 Local 845 negotiated and signed a contractual agreement dated January 1, 2022-December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the agreement is retroactive to January 1, 2022, including payouts of salary, call in pay and boots & clothing Allowances totaling \$16,268.22; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Canton hereby approves the Town Supervisor to transfer \$16,268.22 from the DA fund balance to the appropriate line items to cover the costs of this transaction.

12/14/2022
Date

Heidi Smith
Canton Town Clerk

RESOLUTION NO 25
DATED: December 14, 2022

TOWN OF CANTON
RECONCILIATION OF B ACCOUNT 2021 NYSLRS PAYMENT

WHEREAS, an error in the Town of Canton accounting for the 2021 New York State Retirement System payout needs to be corrected as the total was inadvertently paid out of the B account; and

WHEREAS, the Town Supervisor needs to correct this error as follows: A Fund due to B fund \$32,548; DA Fund due to B fund \$29,933; DB Fund due to B Fund \$27,412; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Canton hereby approves the Town Supervisor to reconcile the 2021 financial statements as follows: A Fund due to B fund \$32,548; DA Fund due to B fund \$29,933; DB Fund due to B Fund \$27,412.

12/14/2022
Date

Heidi Smith
Canton Town Clerk